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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Habecker et al.	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Application No.:	Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Filed:	March 8, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
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Docket No.:	99066CON2 (3600-198-02)	)	Customer No.: 33432

For: HIGH CAPACITANCE NIOBIUM POWDERS AND ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR ANODES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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March 8, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.